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Sir:

Submitted herewith on a modified Form PTO SB/08 is a listing of document(s) known to Applicant in order to comply with Applicant's duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56. A copy of the listed document(s) is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97-1.98.

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This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the mailing date of a first Office Action, but before the mailing date of either a Final Office Action under 37 C.F.R. § 1.113 or a Notice of Allowance under 37 C.F.R. § 1.311.

In the alternative, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)(1).

**STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)**

The undersigned hereby states in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1) that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three (3) months prior to the filing of this Statement and that this Statement is being filed within 30 days of receipt of said communication.

**RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT**

The Examiner in the corresponding Japanese application stated that the references were noted, but that there was no prior art rejection.

A copy of an English language abstract of the listed documents, if available, is being provided. The absence of a translation or an English-language counterpart document does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider this document (37 C.F.R. § 1.98 and M.P.E.P. § 609).

It is believed that the instant information disclosure statement is being filed prior to the mailing date of a Final Office Action or Notice of Allowance. However, if this information disclosure statement is filed after the mailing date of a Final Office Action or Notice of Allowance, applicant(s) hereby request(s) and authorize(s) the PTO to charge the fee under 37 CFR 1.17(p) to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Applicant(s) respectfully request(s) that any listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08B be returned in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 609.

Respectfully submitted,

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